

STATE AND IDAHO NEWS

Latest Items of Interest From Utah and Gem State

CACHE PROJECT
TO START SOONWork Outlined for Drainage
System to Cost
\$200,000

SALT LAKE, Feb. 18.—According to an announcement made today by R. A. Hart, federal drainage engineer, who returned from Logan, work is to be begun soon on the Cache valley drainage system at an approximate cost of \$200,000. While in Logan Mr. Hart conferred with officials of the Cache valley drainage district No. 1.

Mr. Hart stated that he had been advised by the district officers that the construction work on the big drainage project will be done ahead with this spring. The system will drain 3,900 acres of land in the Cache valley and it is estimated that benefits amounting to over half a million dollars will accrue to the district once the work is completed.

Mr. Hart also conferred with a committee of citizens from Newton and was advised by them that the work of draining a portion of the town of Newton would be carried on as a municipal proposition rather than as a drainage district.

BEET CONFERENCE
SET FOR FRIDAY

(Special Dispatch.)
SALT LAKE, Feb. 18.—The first definite consideration of prices to be paid sugar beet growers in Utah this year and the form of contract to be executed between growers and companies will take place next Friday and Saturday in Salt Lake when the sugar beet committee of the Utah state farm bureau meets with representatives of the factories. This was made known yesterday when Ephraim Bergeson, president of the state farm bureau, said letters would be mailed to the various companies advising them of the proposed action.

While the new contract for the 1922 season may not be completed in the first two days of the conference, Mr. Bergeson said it was his opinion that the sliding scale agreement in effect for 1921 would greatly facilitate drawing of the contract for this year.

Under the 1921 agreement, beet growers received a basic price of \$5.50 per ton and scaling upward in proportion to sugar content of beets and wholesale price of sugar.

SUGGESTS REMEDY
FOR POWER SNAG

SALT LAKE, Feb. 18.—To remedy trouble arising over the delivery of power to the Deseret Power company, improvement of service by the Telluride Power company was suggested today to the public utility commission. The suggestion was in a letter to the commission from Alma Greenwood, former member of the legislature.

He advocates as compensation to the Telluride Power Co. for the building of proposed transmission lines parallel to the state highway from Beaver City or vicinity to Fillmore and from Cove-Fort to connect with the state road in Sevier county first, the material in the abandoned lines in the mountains; second, a market for the electrical power; and third, the sale of power to the towns of Kanab, Hatch and Meadow counties.

OFFICERS LEAVE
FOR ROY DONNELL

SALT LAKE, Feb. 18.—To extradite Roy E. Donnell, alleged slayer of Charles A. Faus, Sheriff C. Frank Emery and Deputy Sheriff R. W. Morgan left for San Bernardino, Cal., at 8:35 o'clock this morning. Donnell and another man believed to be Charles F. (Chick) Weatherbee, wanted as a witness, are being held there for Utah officials. The officials are armed with the proper requisition papers.

LUMBERMEN DENY
CALDER'S CHARGES

SALT LAKE, Feb. 18.—In a resolution presented at the afternoon session of the convention of the Western Retail Lumbermen's association today, the lumbermen denied charges attributed to Senator Calder of New York that lumber prices had recently jumped to 50 per cent, bringing them practically back to the war peak level.

STATE FAIR PLANS
TO BE DISCUSSED

SALT LAKE, Feb. 18.—Ways and means of financing the state fair for 1922 will be discussed at a meeting of the board of examiners to be held with the state executives Monday at the state capital according to an announcement made today.

The executive committee will present figures to prove the fair can be held under proper management without expense to the state. State Treasurer W. D. Sutton announced today.

JOB CONFERENCE CALLED.

SALT LAKE, Feb. 18.—Governor Charles R. Mabey today issued a call for a central unemployment conference for state, county and other interests to meet Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the state capitol.

FARM BUREAU
7000 STRONGPresident Bergeson Says
Membership to Reach
10,000 By June

(Special Dispatch.)
SALT LAKE, Feb. 18.—Contending that membership has gone forward in Utah until one out of every three farmers in the state is now a member of the farm bureau, Ephraim Bergeson, president of the Utah State Farm bureau, submitted a report to the American Farm Bureau federation today showing approximately 7000 organized farmers. The same official also predicted for the benefit of the national organization that by June 1 of this year the Utah membership would reach 10,000, which means one member in approximately every two farmers according to the census reports of 1920.

Recognition given
Widespread recognition that has been given to the farm bureau movement in many ways during the past year and accomplishments of the agricultural bloc in congress are believed by Mr. Bergeson to be largely responsible for the keen interest shown in the organization in Utah. The deflation of wartime prices, which sent farm products to near-bankruptcy levels, is also declared by the farm bureau official to have awakened farmers and livestock men in general to the need of co-operative action.

"Organization work in Utah has gone beyond the prospect stage," Bergeson said in his statement forwarded today to the national farm bureau organization headquarters in Chicago. "Organization in this state is a reality in which record is shown that our membership has already been doubled over that of last year and at an increased membership fee and on a three-year basis."

TO RAISE RATIO
"This means that one out of every three farmers in this state is a farm bureau member. We have a good reason to believe that by June 1 we will raise this ratio to 50 per cent with over 10,000 members."

The results to date may be largely credited to the work of an efficient organization sent to us by the American Farm Bureau federation, but we do not expect to drop organization work even after every county in the state has been organized."

President Bergeson also stated that in the campaign which has been going on for the past three months Sevier county has established something of a record with a membership increase of 750 per cent over last year. In 1921 that county had less than 100 members, according to the farm bureau official, while to date it has reported 825 members and expects to eventually go to 800.

CATTLE CROWDED OUT

So far as individual counties are concerned, Mr. Bergeson reports that Utah county with the largest farm population in the state has 1600 farm bureau members for this and two succeeding years, which means that Cache county, formerly highest in the farm bureau movement, has been crowded out of the top position.

Mr. Bergeson returned to Salt Lake today after opening a farm bureau membership drive at Tooele, Cache, Blaine, Burton, Utah representative on the executive board of the American Farm Bureau federation, was the principal speaker at a meeting in Heber City today which opened a drive in Wasatch county. Mr. Burton goes to Price, Carbon county, on Monday and to Beaver county on Wednesday. Other counties are asking the state organization for speakers and team leaders, according to Mr. Bergeson, and these are being furnished as fast as available.

COUNTY SHOULD PAY
LEVY, CLUFF HOLDS

SALT LAKE, Feb. 18.—In an opinion given yesterday by H. H. Cluff, attorney general for Utah, the county, rather than the state, should pay the assessment levied against state roads identified by drainage district formation. The opinion was given upon request of the state road commission.

The state road commission had been billed by Sevier county for \$23.32 levied against the state road in 1921, because of benefit, totaling at \$1599.20 alleged to be derived from the formation of a drainage district in Sevier. The state road commission referred the question of its liability to the attorney general, who asked W. A. Hilton, assistant attorney general, to investigate.

Cooperative agreement between Washington county and the state road commission, covering proposed improvements on the Zion National park highway between Anderson's ranch and Ash creek, has been signed by the county, which also is selling the \$50,000 bonds voted some time ago by the county. This road is expected to be made a part of the federal aid road program for Utah this year.

The Washington county authorities, however, are anxious to withdraw the proposed project from Washington to St. George and to substitute therefor 11.5 miles of road north from Ash-creek, covering the covering now provided by the long upgrate over Black Ridge.

Plans and specifications for the Smithfield crossing, which is the state highway in Cache county were approved yesterday and forwarded to the bureau of public roads office at Ogden for further action.

SPIRITED BIDDING
FOR HIGHWAY WORK

(Special Dispatch.)
SALT LAKE, Feb. 18.—Spirited bidding for road work in Utah was indicated today when the state road commission received a total of 12 proposals on the 15 1/2 miles of hard-surfaced highway to be constructed between Nephi and Garfield county and a point in Utah county. The estimate for straight concrete was \$451,655.24 and all bids for this form of road exceeded the estimate. The lowest bid, on straight concrete, which is to be the kind of highway constructed, was submitted by Reynolds-Ely and Watkins and Samuelson in the amount of \$452,413.80. All proposals were taken under consideration. The work is to be completed in 200 working days.

HEALTH CRUSADE
IN DAVIS SCHOOLS

SALT LAKE, Feb. 18.—James H. Wallis, executive secretary of the Utah Public Health association, addressed teachers and principals of the Davis county schools yesterday in the matter of teaching the Modern Health Crusade in schools.

The Davis county school children commence next week on a 15 week health course. Davis county schools are the last to adopt the Modern Health Crusade. This is the first time an entire school system of the state has become actively engaged in its work.

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ZION PARK PLANS
UNDERGO DISCUSSION

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 18.—Railroad and national park officials met here today to formulate plans for the management of Zion National park for the season of 1922.

AGGIE DEBATERS
TO MEET MONTANA

(Special Dispatch.)
LOGAN, Feb. 18.—Sunday evening a debating team representing the Utah Agricultural college will defend the Blue and White against Montana State at Bozeman. The question to be discussed is, "Resolved that the principle of the closed shop is socially justifiable." The Aggie team, composed of Preston M. Neilson and Bramwell Peck will defend the negative side of the question.

HINDU COMING TO
STUDY AT U. A. C.

LOGAN, Feb. 17.—President E. G. Peterson of the Utah Agricultural college has just received a letter from Kella Gular Singh, of Lahore, Punjab, India, a former student of the George Senior Cambridge College of India. Mr. Singh states that he is coming to the Utah Agricultural college during the coming summer or fall. The letter said in part, "I have been my ambition since I left college to study agriculture in America, where instruction is imparted according to the most scientific and up-to-date methods."

IDAHO EDUCATOR
ADDRESSES MINERS

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 18.—Today was Montana and Oregon day at the twenty-seventh annual convention of the Northwest Mining association, held at the University Hotel in the city of Idaho was the principal speaker.

BORAH CRITICISED
BY IDAHO LEGION

POCATELLO, Idaho, Feb. 18.—United States Senator William Borah of Idaho, was condemned for the stand he is taking on the bonus bill before congress which favors aid to former soldiers, at a meeting of the American legion post in a resolution adopted by the post.

A copy of the resolution was wired the senator and other congressmen. A resolution was proposed, accepting the suggestion made by many ex-service men of the Snake River valley, that the 3000 men in the valley volunteer to turn over the proposed bonus from the government toward the paying of assessments for the canal companies in order to hasten the construction of the great American Falls project, but was voted down after much discussion on both sides.

SEEK ACCOUNTING
OF BANKING FIRM

SALT LAKE, Feb. 18.—Frank D. Kimball brought suit in the Third district court yesterday against Lewis E. and H. A. McCormick, executors of the will of the late W. S. McCormick, for an accounting of profits made in the Twin Falls Bank & Trust company.

HEAVY ADVANCE IN
PARK CITY OUTPUT

PARK CITY, Feb. 18.—A heavy advance was made in ore production by mines of the Park City district during the last week.

DAIRY MEETINGS

LAYTON, Feb. 18.—A series of dairy meetings were held in the various local farm bureaus during the past week at which Ben R. Eldredge, government dairy specialist, spoke on better dairying. Meetings were held at Kayville, Farmington, South and Layton. In all these places Mr. Eldredge spoke on producing better milk from better cows, showing that during this low priced period one should use the best system of feeding and eliminate the non-profitable cows.

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